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## In The Specification:

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 1 as follows:

Fig. 8 schematically illustrates a first example of the optical function module shown in Fig. 7. As shown in Fig.8, the optical function module 130 comprises a wavelength managing module 140 and an optical amplifier 142. The wavelength managing module 140 has four ports used for input/output. For example, port P1 of the wavelength managing module [430] 140 is optically coupled to the optical transmission path 132, and used for receiving the optical signals having wavelengths  $\lambda 1$ ,  $\lambda 3$ ,...,  $\lambda 2$ n-1, or outputting the optical signals having wavelengths  $\lambda 2$ ,  $\lambda 4$ ,...,  $\lambda 2$ m, shown in Fig. 7. Port P4 of the wavelength managing module 130 is optically coupled to the optical transmission path 134, and used for receiving the optical signals having wavelengths  $\lambda 2$ ,  $\lambda 4$ ,...,  $\lambda 2$ m or outputting the optical signals having wavelengths  $\lambda 2$ ,  $\lambda 4$ ,...,  $\lambda 2$ m or outputting the optical signals having wavelengths  $\lambda 1$ ,  $\lambda 3$ ,...,  $\lambda 2$ n-1, shown in Fig. 7.

